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1. ALL MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES MAY 29 REPORTED THE NATO
SUMMIT TO BEGIN TODAY IN BRUSSELS. HEADLINES READ AS FOLLOWS:

"DEMIREL, WHO LEFT FOR BRUSSELS, SAID 'WE WILL GET AMERICAN'S
ATTENTION'-WE WILL IMPOSE AN EMBARGO AGAINST THE EMBARGO-
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WE WILL SUSPEND THE ACTIVITIES OF AMERICAN BASES AT ONCE

UNLESS AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED IN THE TALK WITH FORD"-
IN HURRIYET (MASS CIRCULATION, POPULAR); "DEMIREL DOES NOT
EXPECT MUCH FROM BRUSSELS-AMERICA INTENDS TO TAKE UP ISSUES
OF CYPRUS, TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS AND AID AS ONE"-IN
GUNAYDIN (MASS CIRCULATION, POPULAR); "I HOPE TO HAVE A
CONSTRUCTIVE TALK WITH CARAMANLIS, DEMIREL SAID-
REPORTEDLY FORD WILL SUGGEST DEMIREL ACT MORE FLEXIBLY ON
CYPRUS AND NOT CLOSE DOWN AMERICAN BASES"-IN MILLIYET
(LIBERAL REFORMIST); "NATO SECRETARY GENERAL SAID, 'I DO
NOT THINK THERE WILL BE A WAR BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY"-
IN TERCUMAN (CONSERVATIVE); AND "'WE WILL DRAW ATTENTION
TO THE EMBARGO,' SAID DEMIREL"-IN CUMHURIYET (MODERATE LEFT)

2. HURRIYET COLUMNIST CUNEYT ARCA YUREK WROTE FROM BRUSSELS
MAY 29 THAT BEFORE GOING TO THE SUMMIT, DEMIREL CONDUCTED
A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH HIS COALITION PARTNERS TO DETERMINE
THEIR POSITION AGAINST THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO, REPORTEDLY,
DEMIREL WILL SIMPLY EXPRESS HIS "DETERMINATION AND IMPATIENCE"
TO PRESIDENT FORD BUT WILL NOT REVEAL THE DETAILS, AND THAT
AFTER HIS RETURN TO ANKARA HE WILL UNDERTAKE "COUNTER-
MEASURES" WHICH ARCA YUREK DESCRIBED AS A "COUNTER-EMBARGO
AGAINST THE U.S. EMBARGO." REPORTEDLY THE DETAILS INCLUDE
ANNULING SOME OF THE 55 BILATERAL AGREEMENTS IN EXISTENCE
BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES, AND ABOLISHING THE
ACTIVITIES OF INSTALLATIONS AT DIYARBAKIR AND KARAMURSEL.
ARCA YUREK ALSO REPORTED THAT A TURKISH OFFICIAL SAID TURKEY
WOULD NOT WAIT UNTIL JULY TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE CUTOFF
OF MILITARY AID. REPORTEDLY, DEMIREL WILL ALSO ADVISE PRES-
IDENT FORD TO SEPARATE CYPRUS FROM THE QUESTION OF TURKISH-
AMERICAN RELATIONS AND THAT THE UNITED STATES MUST NOT
INTERFERE WITH THE SOLUTIONS THAT TURKEY AND GREECE MAY FIND
THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

3. INSIGNED EDITORIAL IN HURRIYET REVIEWED NATO SEC GEN LUNS
REACTION TO AMERICAN MILITARY AID CUTOFF AND ENSUING INDIF-
ERENCE ON PART OF OTHER NATO COUNTRIES TO TURKEY'S PLIGHT.
EDITORIAL STATED "ALLIES STILL CONSIDER TURKEY A 'CHEAP
COUNTRY' WHICH CAN BE MADE HAPPY EASILY." THE HURRIYET
EDITORIAL CONCLUDED SAYING THAT ONE OF DEMIREL'S TASKS AT
THE NATO SUMMIT SHOULD BE TO ERASE THIS MISCONCEPTION.
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4. THREE REPORTERS IN SEPARATE COMMENTARIES IN GUNAYDIN
WROTE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE NATO SUMMIT. ERDOGAN ALKAN
REPORTED THAT NEITHER THE UNITED STATES NOR EUROPE, IN ORDER
TO PROTECT THEIR OWN INTERESTS, WOULD PERMIT A LONG CLASH
BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE TO CONTINUE, SO THEREFORE THEY
WILL DEFINITELY FIND A SOLUTION ON THE SUBJECT OF CYPRUS.
TEOMAN EREL WRITES THAT ACCORDING TO "FOREIGN COMMENTATORS"

THE FREQUENT CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT IN TURKEY ARE RELATED TO "PRESSURES COMING FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS" SO THAT OUR OFFICIALS "SHOULD ACT VERY CAREFULLY. ALSO IN CUNAYDIN, MEHMET BARLAS WGLING FROM BRUSSELS REPORTS THAT DEMIREL EXPECTS NO SHORT-TERM RESULTS FROM HIS MEETINGS.

5. MILLIYET CORRESPONDENT SAMI KOHEN REPORTED THAT SPECIFIC RESULTS ARE NOT EXPECTED FROM THE FORD-CARAMANLIS TALKS, BUT THAT A SOFTENING IS ANTICIPATED WHICH MAY PAVE THE WAY FOR A GRECO-TURKISH DIALOGUE. KOHEN ALSO WROTE THAT THE CURRENT NATO SUMMIT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT TEST FOR THE ALLIANCE: THE SUMMIT WILL EITHER SHOW POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY SOLIDARITY OR IT WILL SHOW THE WEAKNESSES OF THE ALLIANCE.

6. TERCUMAN CORRESPONDENT UGUR REYBAN FROM BRUSSELS, REPORTED THAT DEMIREL WILL GIVE NO CONSIDERATION TO CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE A LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO. MACOMBER

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